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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002 (Paper No. 5) in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the final rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the follow remarks.

REMARKS

1. In the patent application, claims 1-23 are pending, and claims 1-15 and 17-22 have been finally rejected.
2. We believe that the Office Action dated July 3, 2002 was prematurely made final, as new references and new grounds were cited in the Office Action against claims which have not been amended. Referring to MPEP § 706.07(a), a second action on the merits will not be final where the Examiner introduces a new ground of rejections that is neither necessitated by Applicants'